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My dear Steptoe,

With reference to your letter dated July 2, 1934 and my reply of December 5, 1934, I forward herewith a copy of a report made by Det. Sergeant Pitts of the Special Branch regarding one Gomez de la Palma and a book entitled "Confucius in a Tailcoat" which contains references to this person.

Yours sincerely,



H.N. Steptoe, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General.

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Special Branch - Information

REPORT

Date March 14, 1935.

Subject Gomez de la Palma, an alleged trafficker in the sale of passports.

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by

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In connection with the attached file and its reference to Senor Gomez de la Palma, allegedly the consular representative of a South American Republic, I have to report that in a recent publication of Maurice Dekobra entitled "Confucius in a Tailcoat," now being sold by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh at \$9.45 per copy, mention is made on pages 64-75 of ".....Senor Gomez de la Palma, Consul at Shanghai of the Republic of Coronada in Central America." The article continues by referring to his trafficking in the sale of passports for certain financial considerations.

In the third paragraph of the attached letter which states that "the Consulate in question is alleged to be on the Bubbling Well Road and its seal to carry the initials : C.S.C....." it should be mentioned that according to "Confucius in a Tailcoat" C.S.C. signifies Coronada Steamship Company.

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December 5 34.

My dear Steptoe,

With reference to your letter dated July 2, 1934, addressed to Robertson, I have to state that diligent and exhaustive enquiries in all directions over a lengthy period have failed to trace the whereabouts of an individual named de la PALMA (or Gomez de la PALMA), alleged to be the Consular Representative of a South American Republic, who trafficks in the sale of passports and certificates of naturalisation to Russians and other denationalised and suspected persons. Enquiries have also failed to elicit any information concerning a certain Consulate on Bubbling Well Road whose seal bears the initials "C.S.C."

Yours sincerely,



H.N. Steptoe, Esq.,  
H.B.M. Consulate-General.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch - S. No. D-6303  
REPORT Date Dec 5 1934

Subject (in full) Communication dated July 2, 1934 from H. B. M. Consulate-General regarding trafficking in sale of passports by one de la PALMA.

Made by D. S. Pitts. Forwarded by S. B. L. D.

Diligent and exhaustive enquiries in all directions over a lengthy period have failed to disclose the whereabouts of an individual named de la PALMA (or Gomez de la PALMA), alleged to be the consular representative of a South American Republic, who trafficks in the sale of passports and certificates of naturalisation to Russians and other denationalised and/or suspected persons.

Similarly nothing has come to light regarding the Consulate in question, which is alleged to be situated on Bubbling Well Road and its seal to carry the initials "C.S.C."

Da. Pitts.

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Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,

P.O. BOX 259. SHANGHAI.

CHINA GENERAL POST OFFICE

2.7.34 S. B. REGD. NO. 6

Dear Robertson,

A report received from French sources suggest that there is in Shanghai an individual calling himself Monsieur d la PALMA (or Gomez de la Palma), alleged to be the Consular representative of a South American republic, who trafficks in the sale of passports and certificates of naturalisation to Russians and other denationalised and suspected persons. He is reported to charge anything between a few hundred and five thousand dollars for these documents according to the circumstances involved.

Last year I received certain reports indicating ~~th~~ that such a state of affairs did exist but was never able to confirm it.

Have you by any chance anything on record in this connection? The Consulate in question is alleged to be on the Bubbling Well Road and its seal to carry the initials: C.S.C.

The name does not appear on the Consular list and the only Consulate on Bubbling Well Road known to ~~us~~ is the Italian.

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Should you make enquiries in this matter from the French please be certain to conceal the origin of your information as the French authorities may be in possession of it already.

Yours sincerely,

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T. Robertson, Esq.,  
Special Branch,  
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